

Northgate Revitalization Project Status Report

February 24, 2005

1. Northgate Library, Park and Community Center

- Bids received Feb 10, 2005, and four bids were within the budget.
- Stakeholders will be informed of the successful low bidder and a date for the groundbreaking event shortly.

2. South Lot – King County, Seattle and Lorig are evaluating:

- 3rd Avenue NE street extension preliminary design options.
- Sidewalks and potential street improvements on adjacent streets.
- Pedestrian system (including ADA accessibility) among Northgate Commons, Thornton Creek Channel, Metro Transit Center and future King County Transit-Oriented Development, and to adjacent mall, business park, and neighborhood.
- Integration of open spaces.
- Preliminary designs of Northgate Commons and Thornton Creek Channel (Lorig and Seattle Public Utilities will present more details).
- Shared parking (Lorig/King County and King County/Simon) – additional information will be presented.

3. Informal meetings with Lorig on Northgate Commons Project

- Bruce Lorig and his team will meet with interested Stakeholders for additional discussions of the Northgate Commons Project. Seattle Public Utilities will be there for any questions about the Thornton Creek Channel.
- The times and dates to be determined.

4. Float loan for Northgate Commons Project

- A HUD loan has been requested to help finance the land acquisition for the Northgate Commons Project. The request will be evaluated according to federal eligibility rules. Loan evaluation is in its initial stages and will subsequently require approval by a City Loan Committee and the Seattle City Council.
- Details of proposed legislation will be forthcoming.

5. Northgate Mall Redevelopment

- Master Use Permit application expected in March.

6. Proposed Northgate Technical Design Workshop March 7, 2005

- Public and private developers to coordinate design issues and develop design principles for near-term projects.
- A representative of each of the Seattle Planning Commission, the Seattle Design Commission, Northeast Design Review Board and Northgate Stakeholders is invited to participate.

7. 5th Ave NE Street Improvements Project

- Coordination is ongoing for the design and construction details of Northgate Mall entryway and 5th Ave NE Streetscape projects.
- SDOT to reply to Stakeholder subcommittee comments today.
- 90% design available in summer.

8. Pedestrian connection between Northgate North (Target) and Northgate Mall

- Seattle Dept. of Transportation and Simon are evaluating options for short-term improvement. CTIP to evaluate longer-term options. – (ongoing)

9. Northgate Neighborhood Arts Council

- Continuing meetings to formulate the council and plan its activities.

10. Maple Leaf Community Garden

- Efforts are ongoing to seek grant funding and continue preliminary design work.

11. Neighborhood Business District Strategy Land Use Code amendments.

NOTE: These code amendments will apply citywide. Generally, where the Northgate Overlay District chapter of the Land Use Code addresses a particular issue more specifically, the Northgate Overlay would apply.

- The public review draft will be released shortly (date to be determined). Add your name to the sign up sheet to receive a copy when it is available.

- The SEPA determination on the proposed ordinance will be published for a 21-day appeal period (date to be determined).